



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of)

J. Caprio et al)

Before the Examiner)

Serial No. 742,361)

J. Nguyen)

Filed: August 8, 1991)

Art Unit 1206)

AMINO ACID MODIFIED FOOD FOR
ICTALURID CATFISH AND FISH
WITH SIMILAR FEEDING BEHAVIOR)

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the First Office Action (Paper No. 5)
dated December 26, 1992. Please enter the following amendment and
remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. ~~(Amended) In a food for ictalurid catfish, and fish with~~ *An improved ictalurid catfish food*

~~similar feeding behavior, the improvement which comprises the~~
~~addition of an effective amount of: (a) one or more of the free~~
~~amino acids selected from the group consisting of [:] L-alanine,~~
~~L-arginine, and L-proline; or (b) a protein precursor of said amino~~
~~acids, that upon the action of a proteolytic enzyme will produce~~
~~said one or more amino acids, or a mixture of (a) and (b); wherein~~
~~said effective amount is an amount which will release the snapping~~
~~and biting response of the fish.~~